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**Troopers**

**Investigating**

**Fatal**

**Pedestrian Crash Philadelphia**

**Pike – Claymont**

***Claymont*** – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing to investigate a fatal pedestrian crash that occurred late Friday afternoon.

The incident occurred at approximately 4:59 p.m., Friday, December 14, 2018 on northbound Philadelphia Pike, north of Wiltshire Rd., Claymont. The initial investigation has determined that a 2018 Jeep Grand Cherokee, being driven by a 56 year old Claymont man, was traveling northbound on Philadelphia Pike, proceeding through the intersection with Wiltshire Rd. with a green light. A 59 year old Claymont man, who was a pedestrian, was crossing Philadelphia Pike in an undetermined direction when he was struck by the Jeep. After impact the pedestrian was thrown to the pavement, coming to rest in the left lane of Philadelphia Pike. The Jeep also came to a stop in the left lane.

The victim was transported to the Christiana Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. It was determined that he was not utilizing a crosswalk, was not wearing reflective clothing and was not carrying a light. Impairment on his behalf is unknown at this time. Identification is pending notification of next of kin.

The driver of the Jeep who was wearing his seatbelt, was not injured. Neither speed nor impairment are factors on his behalf.

Northbound Philadelphia Pike was closed for approximately 2 hours while the scene was investigated and cleared.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Cpl. J. Aube of the Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit at 302-365-8433.

Information may also be provided by calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1800 842-8461). You may also email the unit Director at [debra.reed@delaware.gov](mailto:debra.reed@delaware.gov).

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